## Addison County Road Managers' Network Addison County Vermont

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To those in a position to help,

It has come to the attention of the participating members of the Addison County Road Managers Network, that the Districts' Tech IV positions may be eliminated next year. At our September meeting it was decided we would take a position on this issue as a group, something we rarely do.

Currently, the Tech IV position in District 5 is about the only support we get from the District as we attempt to navigate the bureaucratic morass we find ourselves confronted with on an ever-expanding scale. Small towns, without administrative positions, need this help more than ever with the changing regulations and grant complexities not to mention Disaster funding requirements. Without this support, some towns may be unaware of, unwilling or unable to participate in programs and policies, thereby lessening the effectiveness and purpose for which they were intended.

We would hope and encourage that these positions that are presently helping towns participate, access and comply with state and federal funding programs, policies and regulations would continue.

We could come up with a list of projects, policies and positions that could be eliminated to offset funding the Tech IV positions if that would be helpful.

Thank you for considering our position.

Writing on behalf of the Addison County Road Managers' Network,

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